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SUBJECT: YEMEN/SOUTH KOREAN RELATIONS

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1. DURING MAY 10 CALL ON FORMIN (OTHER MATTERS COVERED BEING REPORTED BY SEPTELS), THE SUBJECT OF YEMEN/SOUTH KOREAN RELATIONS WAS DISCUSSED. FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH AL-ASNAG INFORMED ME THAT HE HAS RECOMMENDED TO THE PRIME MINISTER THE FORMATION OF A COMMITTEE TO STUDY EVERY ASPECT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION WITH SOUTH KOREA. THIS GROUP IS TO PREPARE A REPORT IN ANTICIPATION OF A VISIT TO SOUTH KOREA BY HIGH-RANKING YEMENI OFFICIALS WHOM THE SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR INVITED DURING A RECENT VISIT HERE. (SEE REFTEL)

2. ASNAG ALSO INFORMED ME THAT HE HAS INSTRUCTED THE APPROPRIATE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICE TO CONTACT THE NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY HERE AND TO ASCERTAIN WHICH MEMBERS OF ITS STAFF WERE FINALLY SELECTED TO LEAVE AS A RESULT OF THEIR UNACCEPTABLE ACTIONS DURING THE SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR'S RECENT VISIT. HE EMPHASIZED IF THE NORTH KOREANS HAVE NOT TAKEN ACTION TO REMOVE THOSE PERSONS RESPONSIBLE HE WILL RECOMMEND TO THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE ENTIRE EMBASSY BE ASKED TO LEAVE.

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3. COMMENT: AL-ASNAG WAS IN THE FOREFRONT OF THOSE WHO WISHED TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY. HE WAS, HOWEVER, BLOCKED BY THE MEDDLESOME EFFORTS OF PRESIDENT OF THE CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY AL-AHMAR WHO WAS MORE INTENT ON DEMONSTRATING HIS PERSONAL POWER IN THE THEN CURRENT INTERNAL POLITICAL IN-FIGHTING THAN HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF YEMEN'S RELATIONS WITH THE TWO KOREAS.  
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